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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is appropriate for us to remember the many
3 sacrifices and contributions to the cause of freedom made by
4 the outstanding men and women who serve in combat and give the
5 ultimate sacrifice; and

6 WHEREAS, United States Marine Corps Staff Sergeant Jordan
7 B. Emrick of Hoyleton was killed in action defending America's
8 freedom in Afghanistan on November 5, 2010; and

9 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Jordan Emrick was born on December
10 19, 1983 in Centralia to Terry and Doris (nee Seeger) Emrick;
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12 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Jordan Emrick graduated from
13 Nashville High School in 2002; he attended Trinity Lutheran
14 Church and was an avid skydiver and enjoyed sailing; and

15 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Jordan Emrick served in the United
16 States Marine Corps with the 1st Explosives Ordinance Disposal
17 Company, a unit based in Camp Pendleton, California, that is
18 currently serving in Afghanistan; and

19 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Jordan Emrick was a highly
20 decorated Marine who enlisted shortly after the September 11th

1 attacks; he had previously served one deployment in the Persian
2 Gulf and 2 deployments in Iraq; and

3 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Jordan Emrick is survived by his
4 parents, Terry and Doris; his brother; Brandon (Kimberly)
5 Emrick; his sisters, Christi (Ryan) Payne and Brittany
6 (Anthony) Aussieker; his grandmother, Edith Seeger; and his
7 many aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews; and

8 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Jordan Emrick will be remembered by
9 all who knew and loved him for his selfless dedication to his
10 Marine brethren by volunteering for ordinance disposal duty;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Jordan Emrick's patriotism and
13 courage will be remembered fondly by his loving family, his
14 fellow soldiers, and the citizens of our grateful nation; and

15 WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that we pay honor and respect
16 to the truly great individuals who have served our country,
17 and, in doing so, have gone above and beyond the call of duty
18 to take part in truly heroic tasks; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
21 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate Illinois Route 177

1 between Hoyleton and New Minden the "SSgt. Jordan Emrick
2 Memorial Highway"; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
4 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
5 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
6 giving notice of the name of the "SSgt. Jordan Emrick Memorial
7 Highway"; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Staff Sergeant Jordan Emrick and to
10 the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation.